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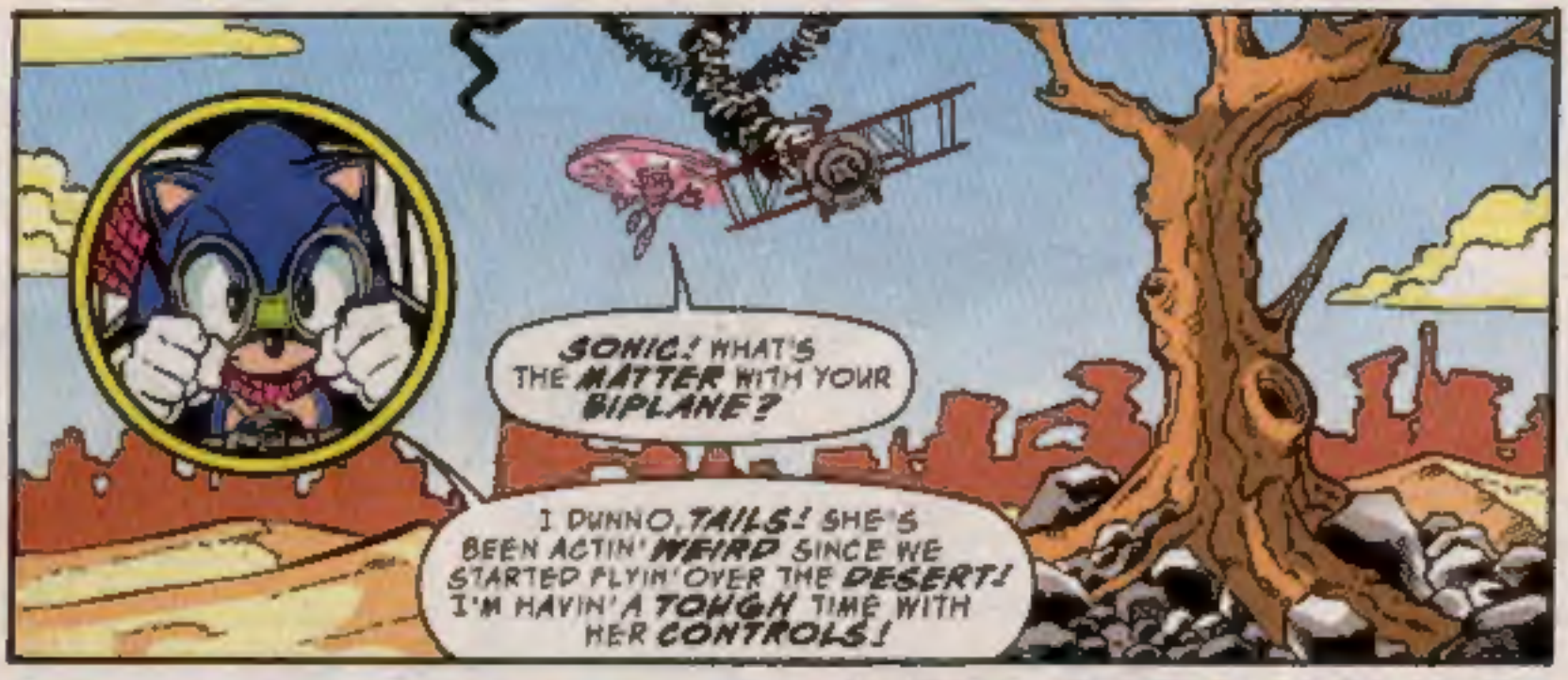
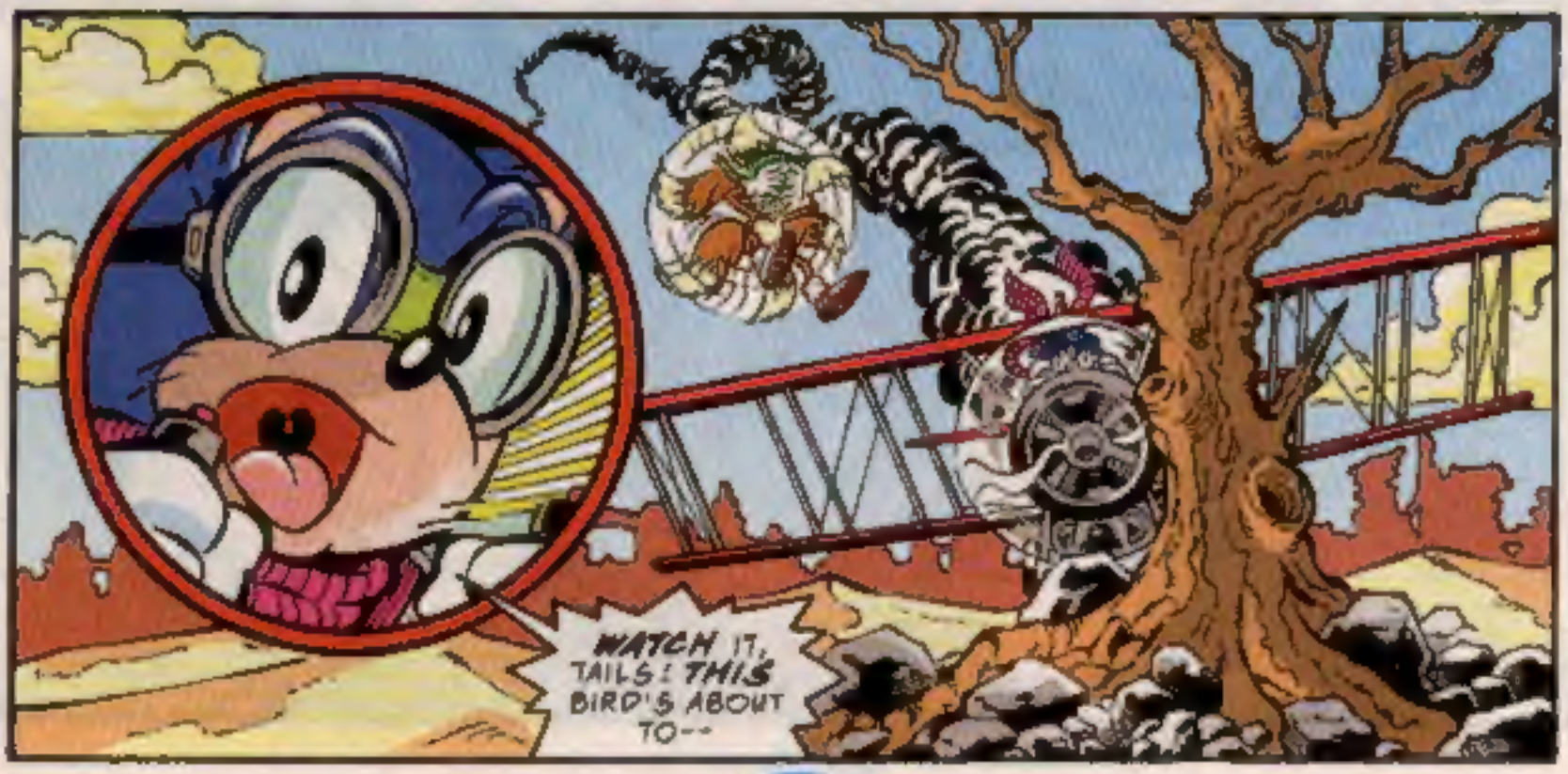
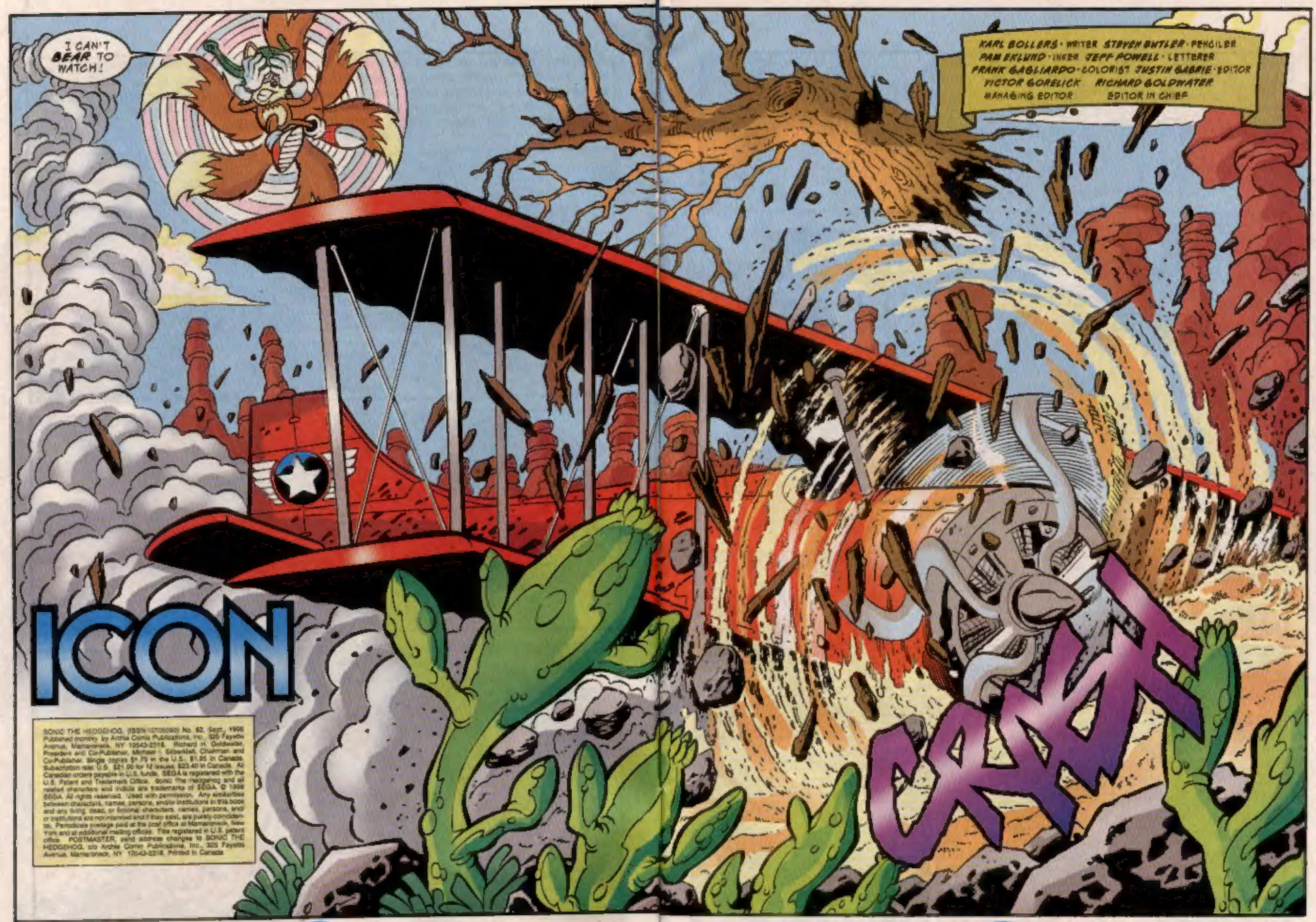
THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS ONCE A VIRTUAL PARADISE UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! HIS TECHNOLOGICAL TYRANNY WOULD HAVE CONTINUED IF NOT FOR AN HEROIC GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO BANDED TOGETHER AND RESTORED ORDER TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN! THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BLUE STREAK FILLED WITH THE MOST ATTITUDE GOING AROUND - - AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS THE FASTEST THING ALIVE! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!







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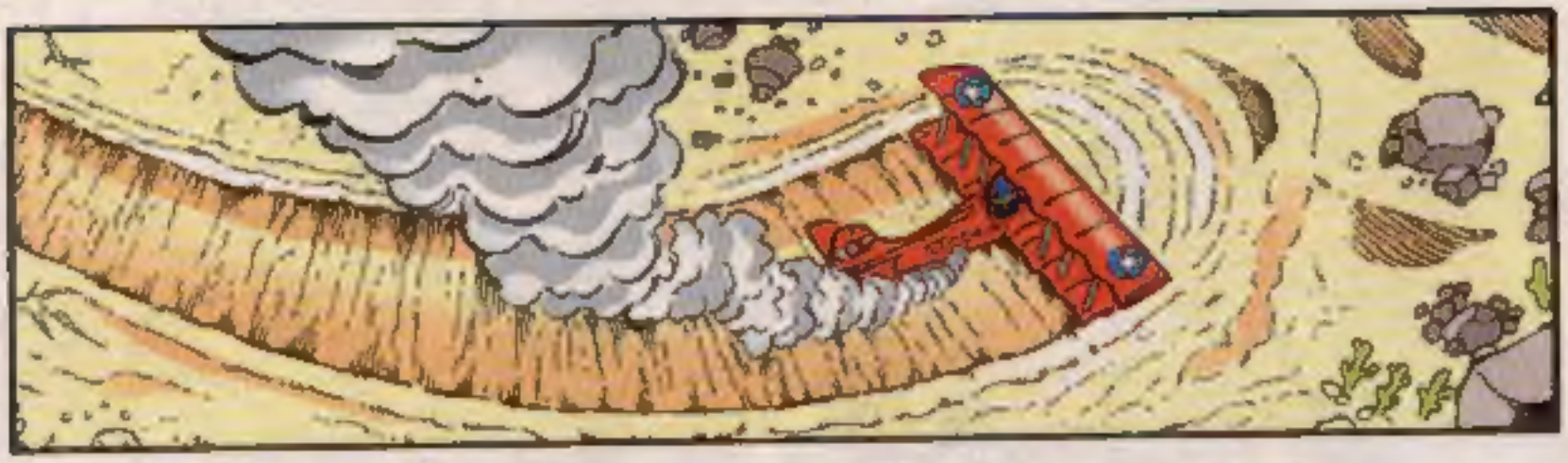
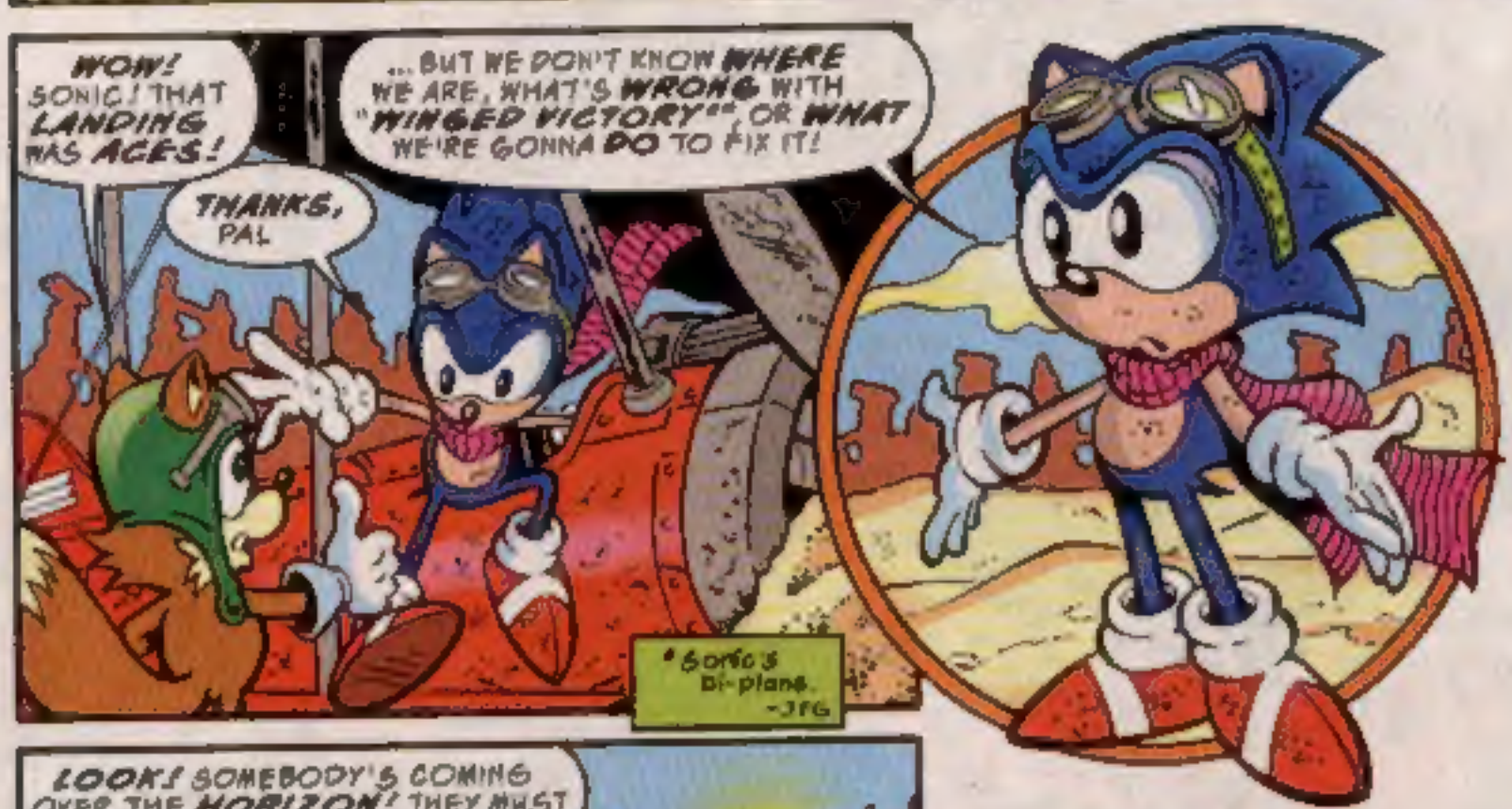
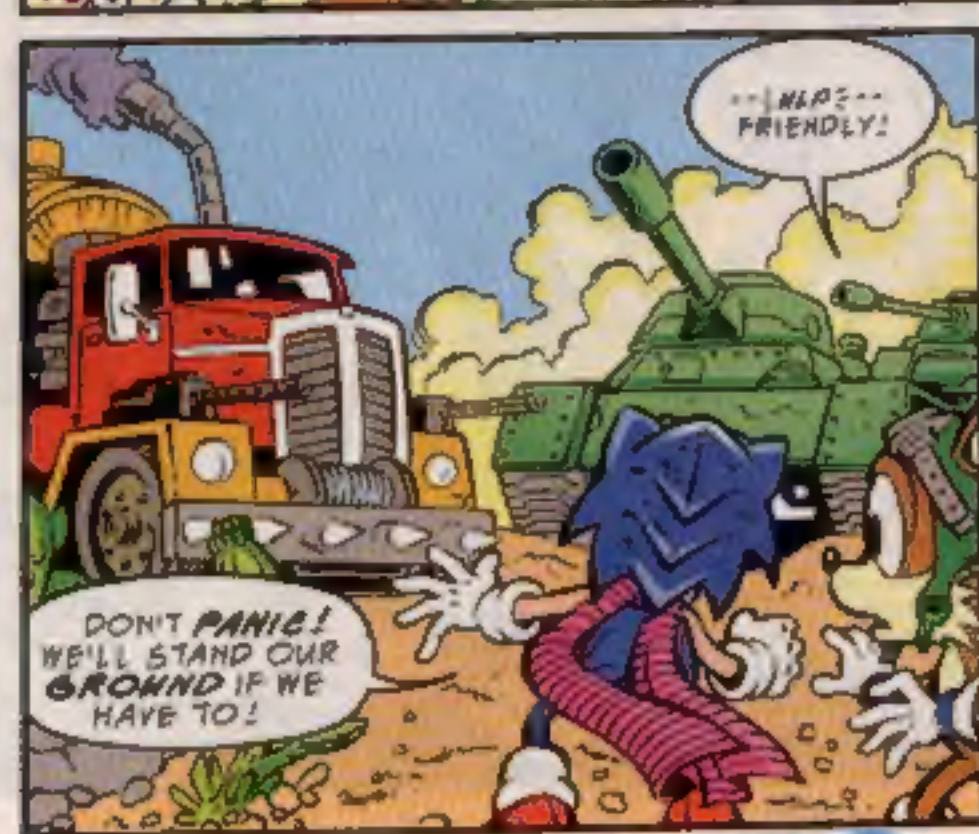
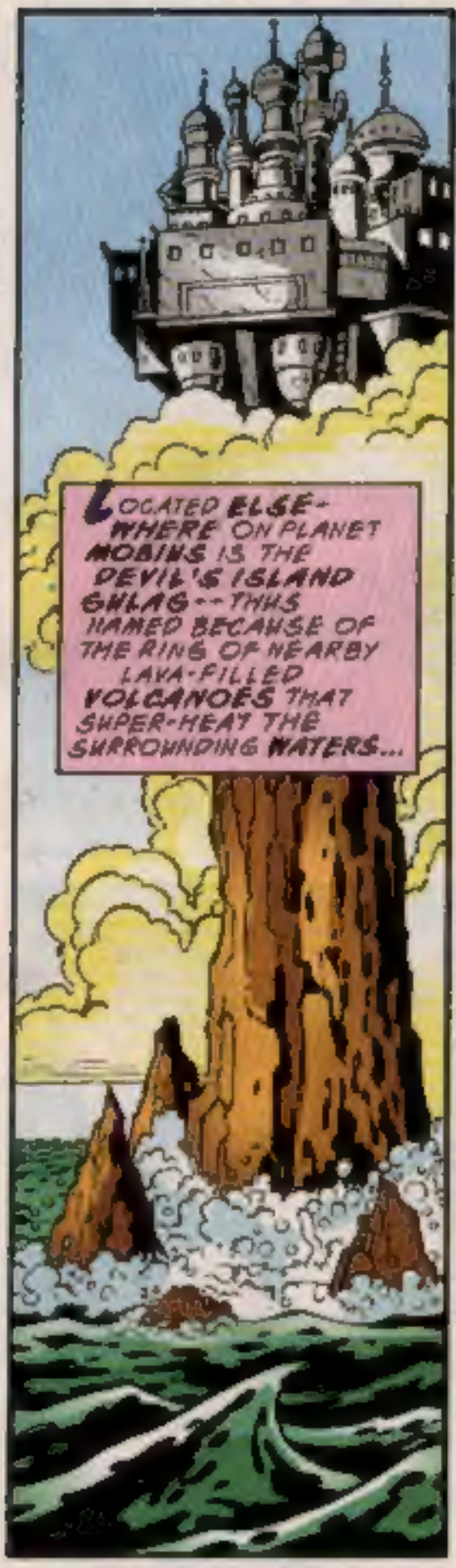


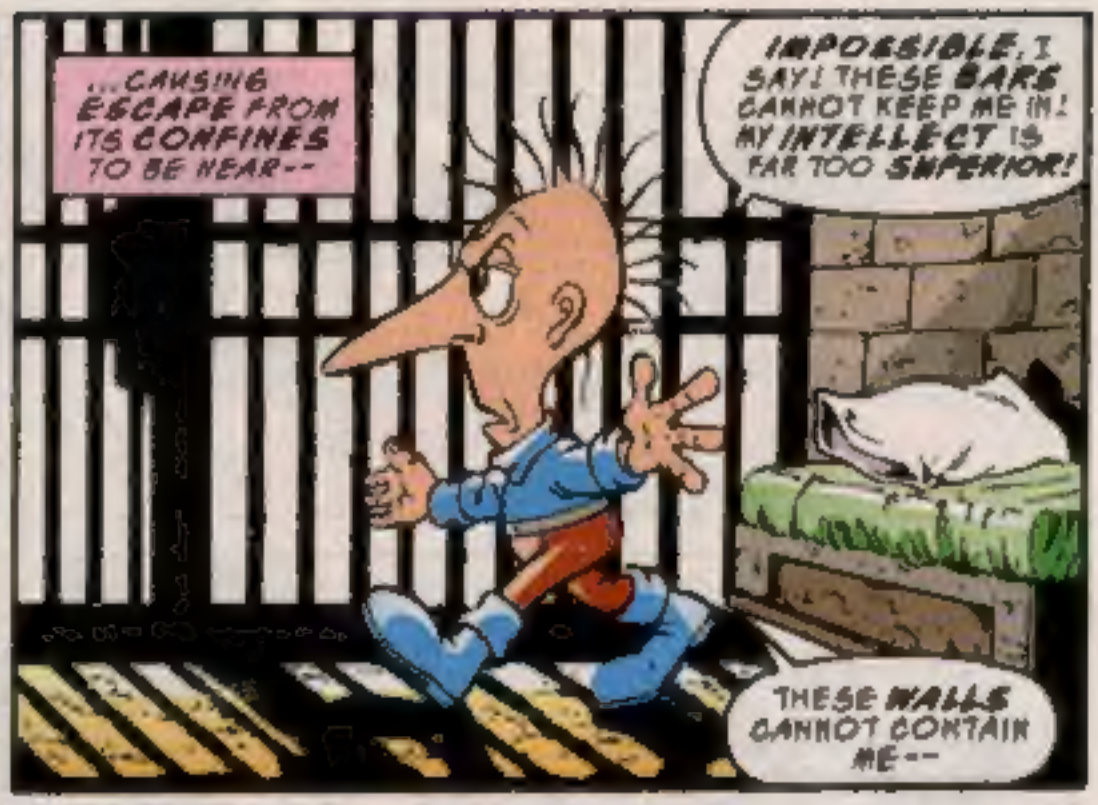

WOW! SONIC! THAT LANDING WAS ACES!
THANKS, PAL
...BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHERE WE ARE, WHAT'S WRONG WITH "WINGED VICTORY"* OR WHAT WE'RE GONNA DO TO FIX IT!
*Sonic's Bi-plane. -JFG

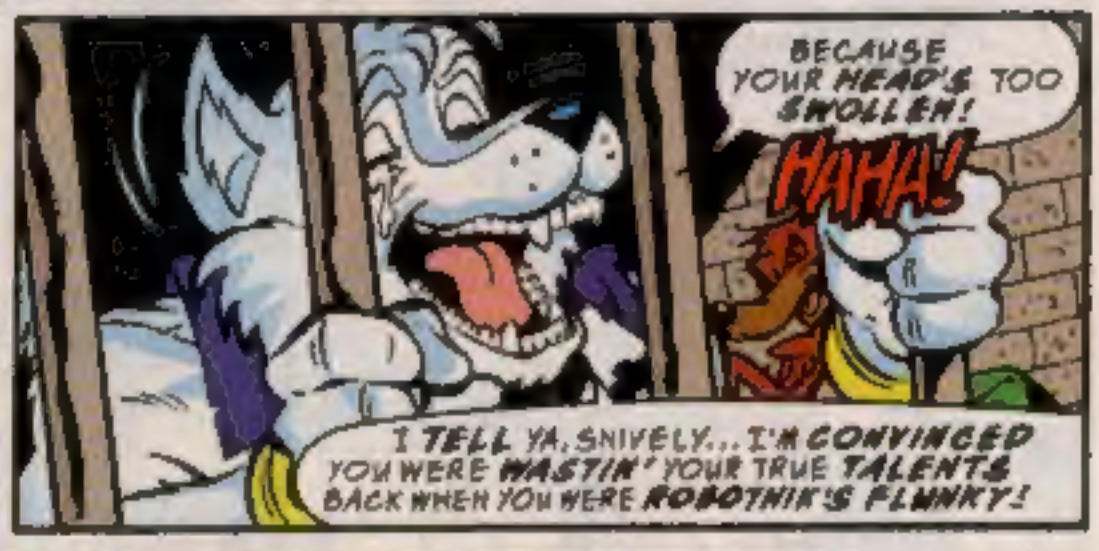
LOOK! SOMEBODY'S COMING OVER THE HORIZON! THEY MUST HAVE SEEN YOU GO DOWN!
I SURE HOPE THEY'RE--


--HEP?-- FRIENDLY!
DON'T PANIC! WE'LL STAND OUR GROUND IF WE HAVE TO!

HURRY, SONIC! WE GOTTA HUSTLE!
WE DON'T GOT MUCH TIME!
HUH?!

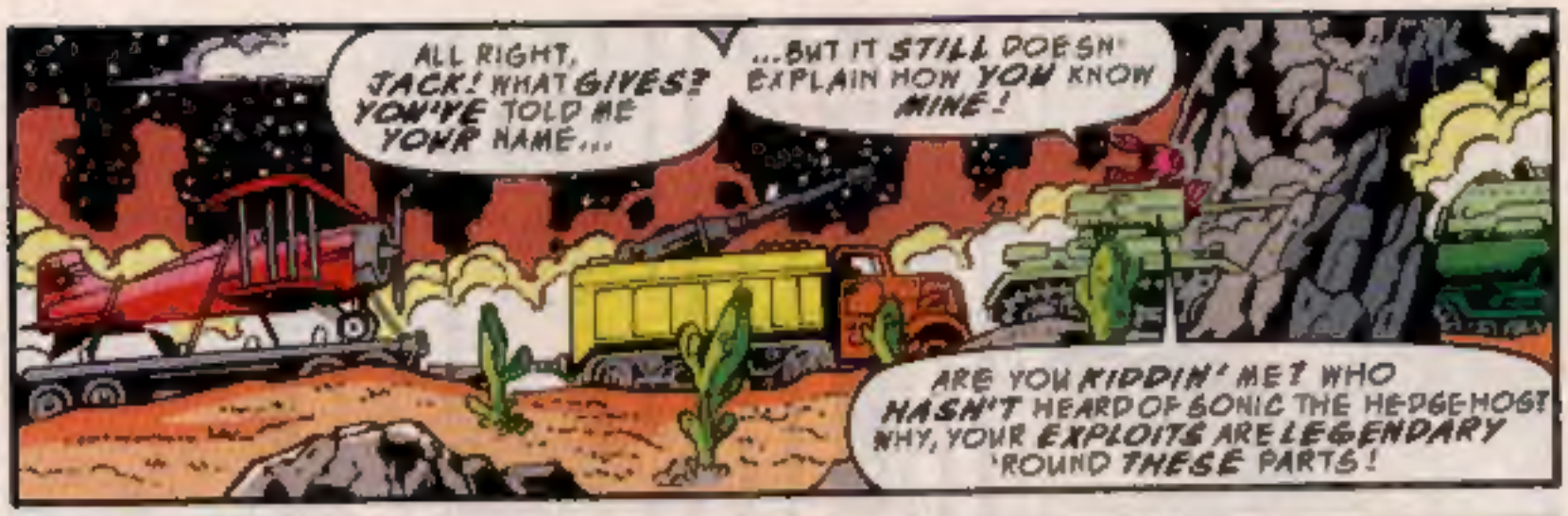

LOCATED ELSEWHERE ON PLANET MOBIUS IS THE DEVIL'S ISLAND GULAG--THUS NAMED BECAUSE OF THE RING OF NEARBY LAVA-FILLED VOLCANOES THAT SUPER-HEAT THE SURROUNDING WATERS...


...CAUSING ESCAPE FROM ITS CONFINES TO BE NEAR--
IMPOSSIBLE, I SAY! THESE BARS CANNOT KEEP ME IN! MY INTELLECT IS FAR TOO SUPERIOR!
THESE WALLS CANNOT CONTAIN ME--

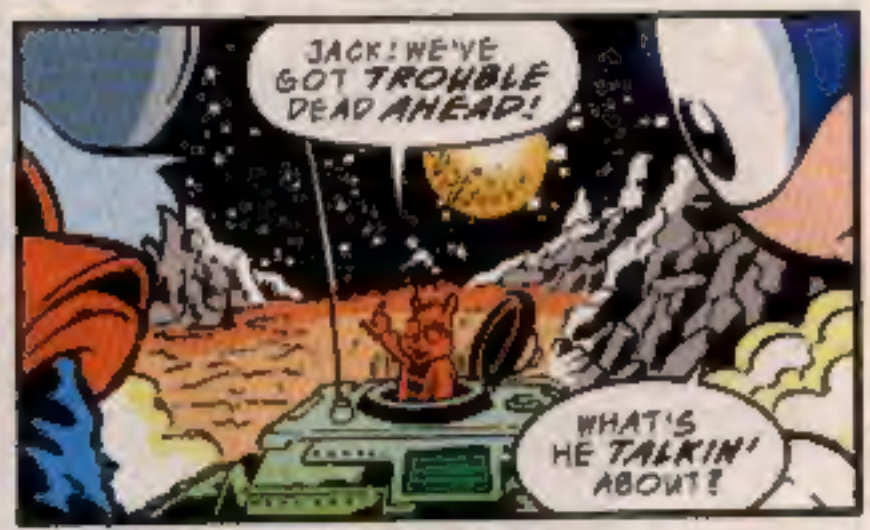

BECAUSE YOUR HEAD'S TOO SWOLLEN!
HAHA!
I TELL YA, SNIVELY... I'M CONVINCED YOU WERE WASTIN' YOUR TRUE TALENTS BACK WHEN YOU WERE ROBOTNIK'S FLUNKY!

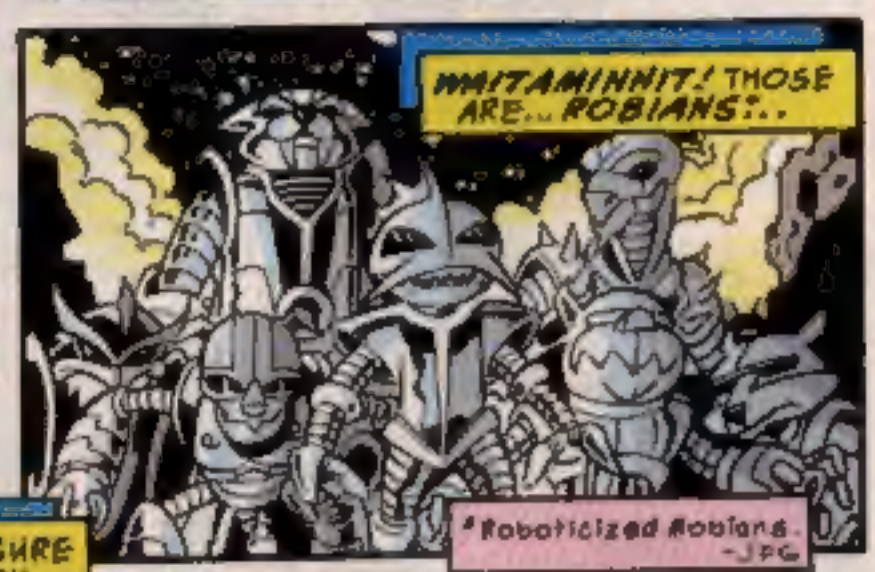
YOU SHOULDA BEEN A STAND-UP COMEDIAN INSTEAD!
ROCK ME IF YOU WILL DRAGO! YOU WILL BE LAUGHING OUT THE OTHER SIDE OF YOUR MOUTH WHEN I AM A FREE MAN AND YOU ARE NOT!
NOT ONLY HAVE I BEEN EXERCISING MY MIND, I HAVE ALSO BEEN DOING THE SAME TO MY BODY!

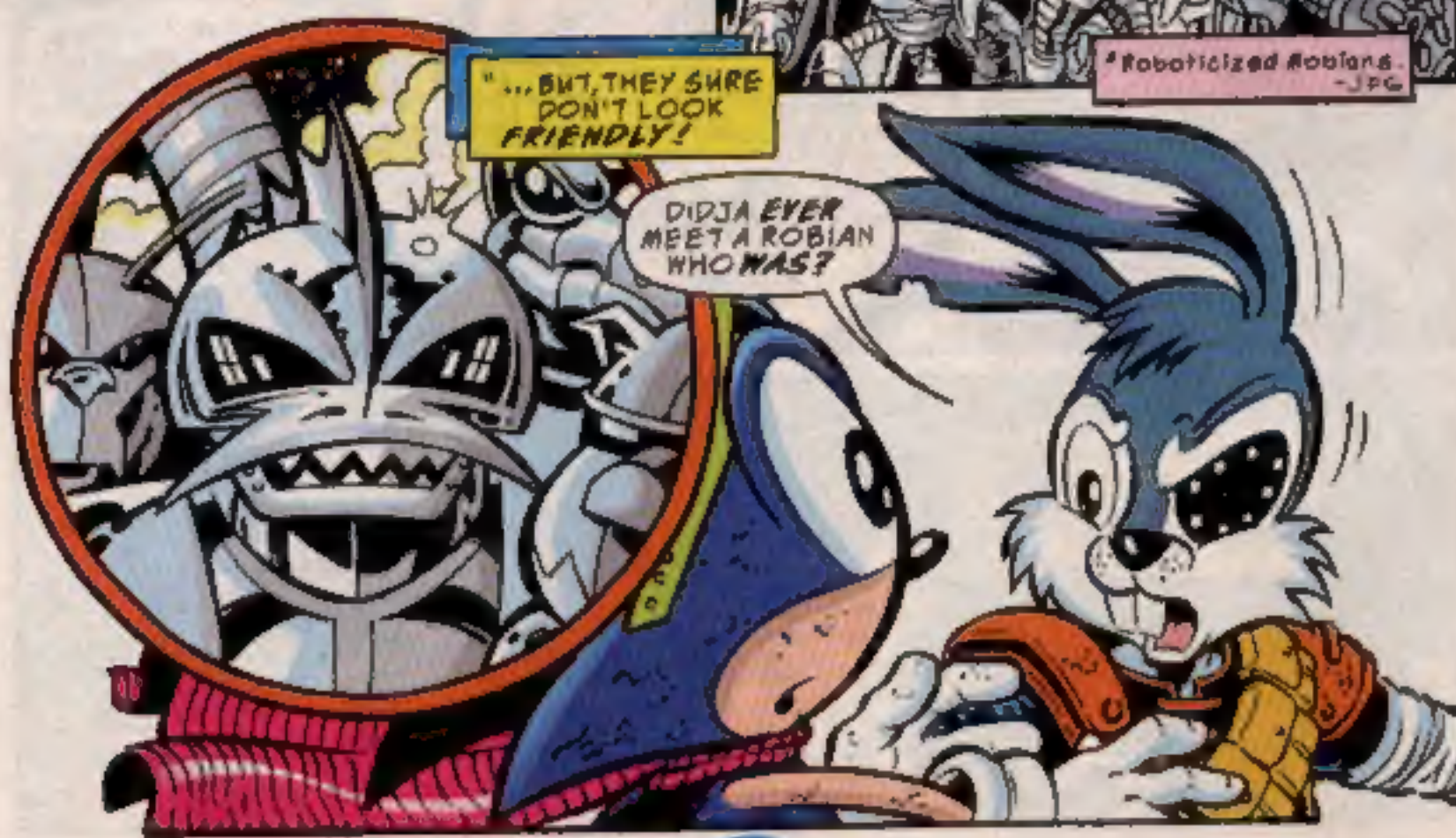
"I WOULD SHOW YOU EXACTLY WHAT I AM CAPABLE OF WERE WE SHARING THE SAME CELL!
"LIKE I SAID, SNIVELY... YOU'RE AN IRREGULAR LAUGH-RIOT!
HAHAHA!


ALL RIGHT, JACK! WHAT GIVES? YOU'VE TOLD ME YOUR NAME...
...BUT IT STILL DOESN'T EXPLAIN HOW YOU KNOW MINE!
ARE YOU KIDDIN' ME? WHO HASN'T HEARD OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG? WHY, YOUR EXPLOITS ARE LEGENDARY 'ROUND THESE PARTS!

ROBOTNIK'S SUB-BOSSES USED TO RUN THE SHOW OUT HERE, BUT ONCE YOU BEAT THE BIG MAN HIMSELF* WE SAND-BLASTERS WERE INSPIRED TO TRY THE SAME MOVE!
WOULDN'T YOU KNOW--IT WORKED!
*SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #50 -JFG


JACK! WE'VE GOT TROUBLE DEAD AHEAD!
WHAT'S HE TALKIN' ABOUT?


WAITAMINNIT! THOSE ARE... ROBIANS?..
*Roboticized Robians. -JFG


"...BUT, THEY SURE DON'T LOOK FRIENDLY!
DIDJA EVER MEET A ROBIAN WHO WAS?

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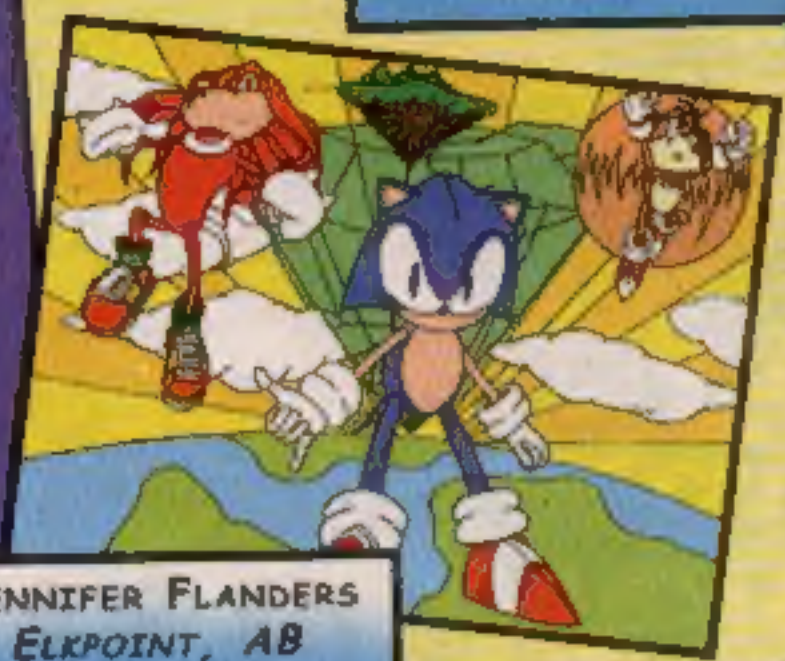

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"AS A MATTER O' FACT..."

...YEAH!"

BUT THEY SURE DON'T LOOK LIKE THAT! IT'S THEIR EYES -- WHAT'S UP WITH THE CREEPY GLOW?

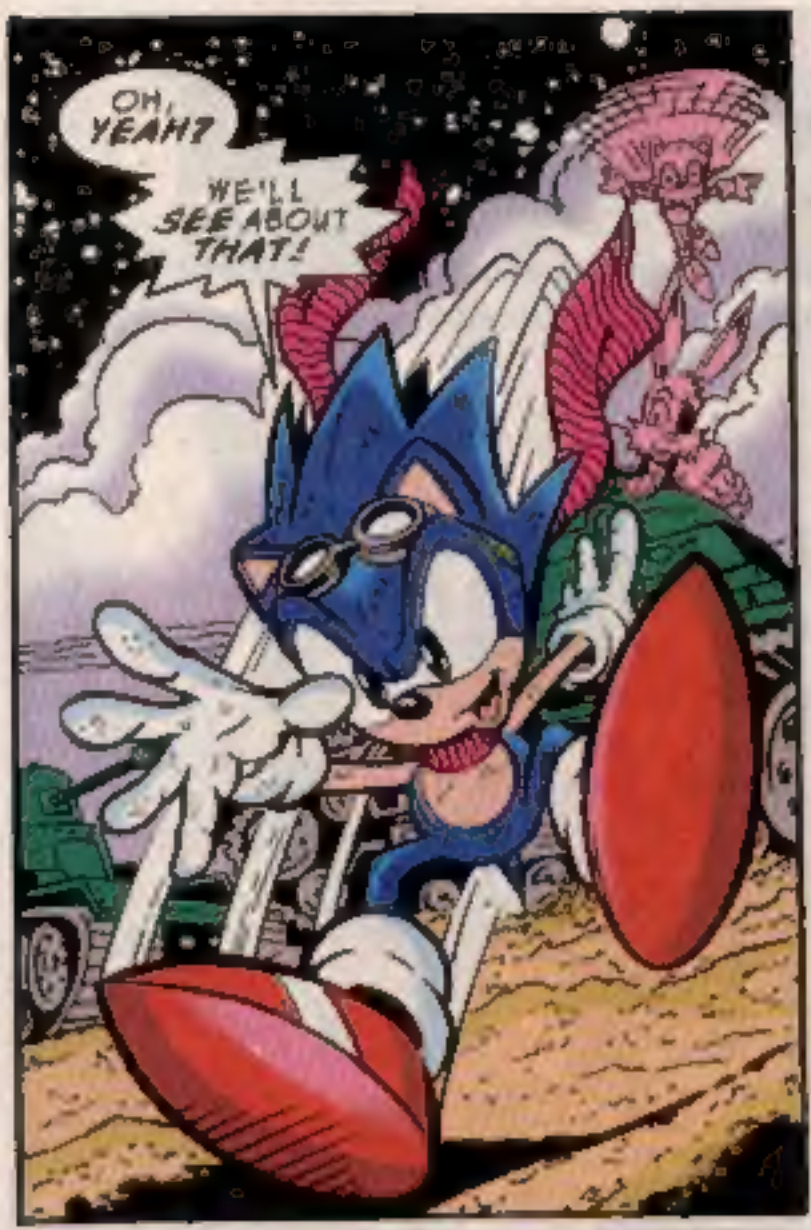
*Sonic's parents, as well as his uncle, are Robians.—JFG

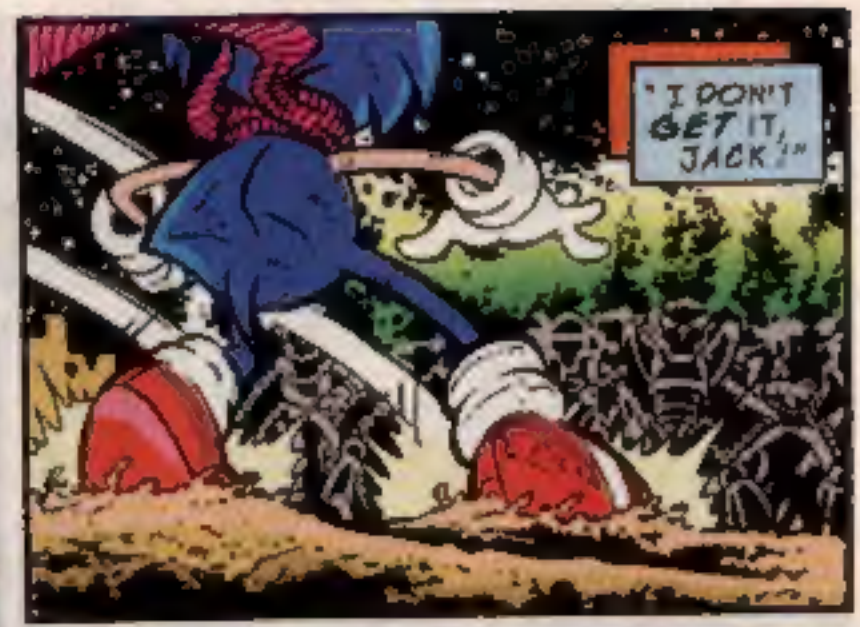
THOOM

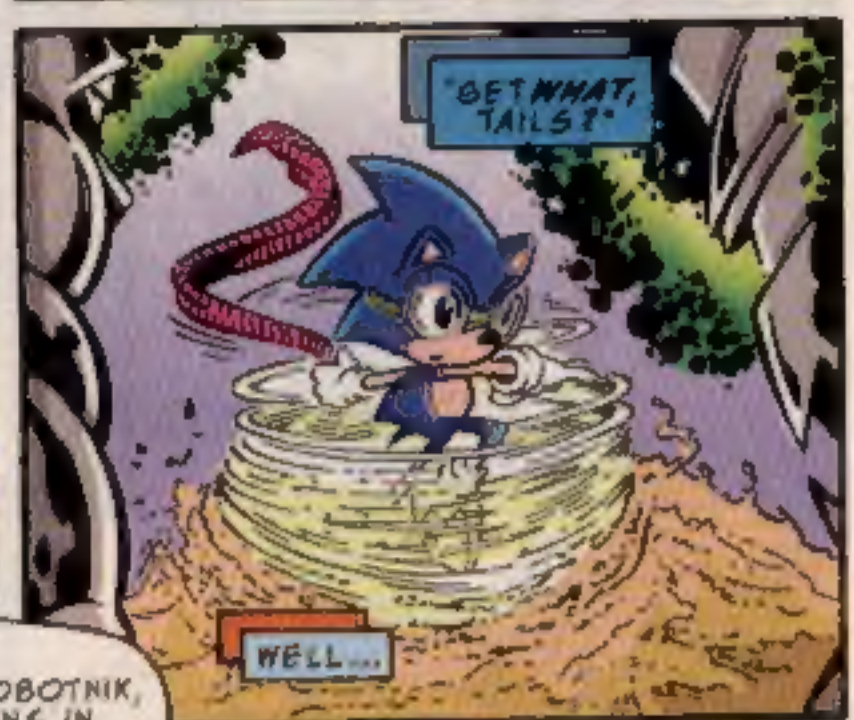
OH, I GET IT.

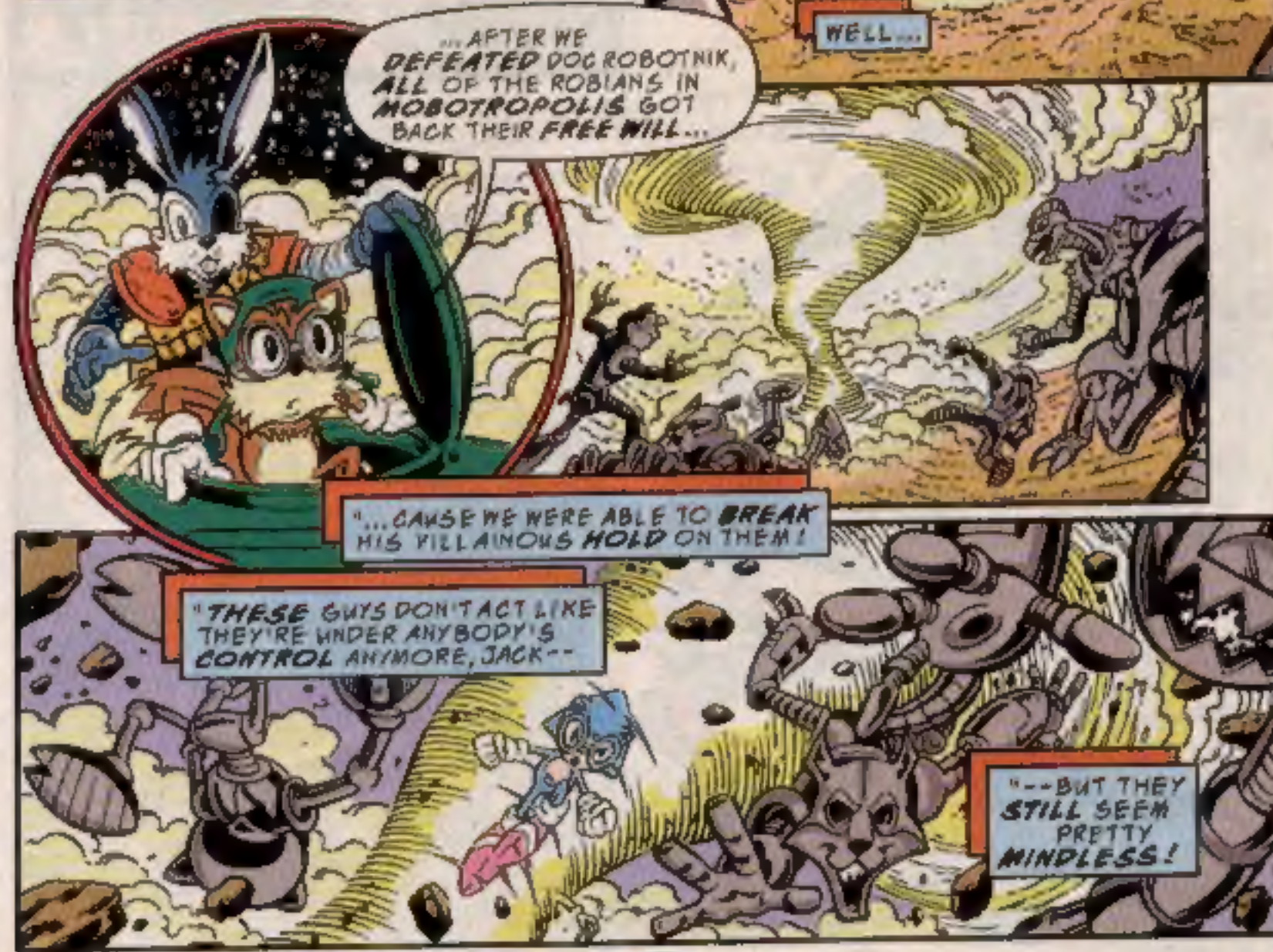
DAGNABBIT!

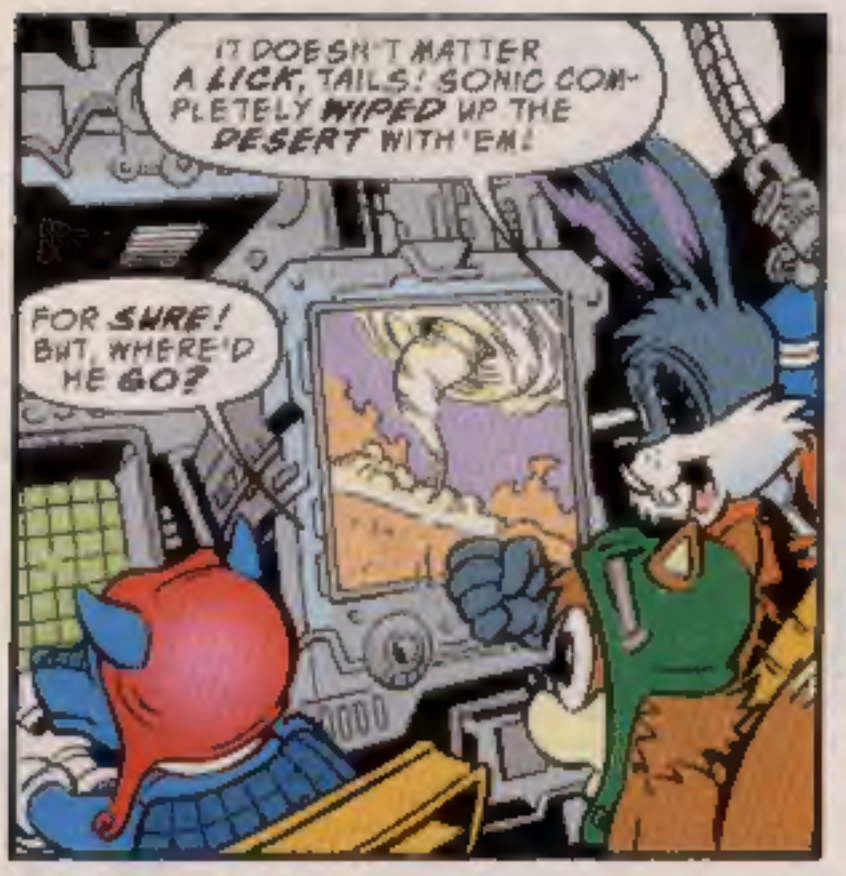
YEER RIGHT, TEAM! THEY'RE TRYIN' TO RE-ROUTE US WITH THEIR OPTI-BURSTS!


OH, YEAH?
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!

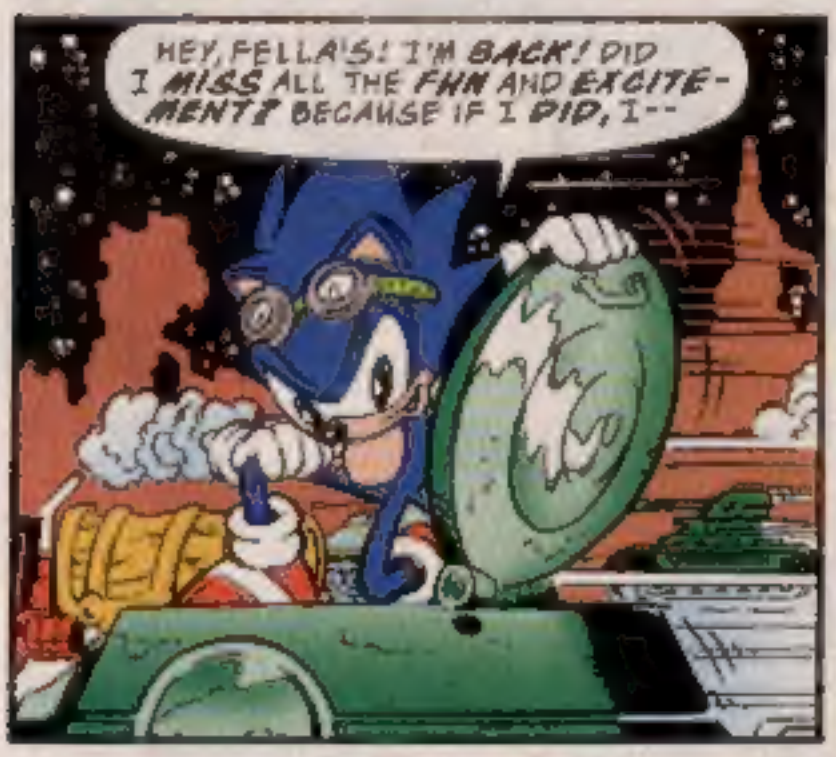

"I DON'T GET IT, JACK!"

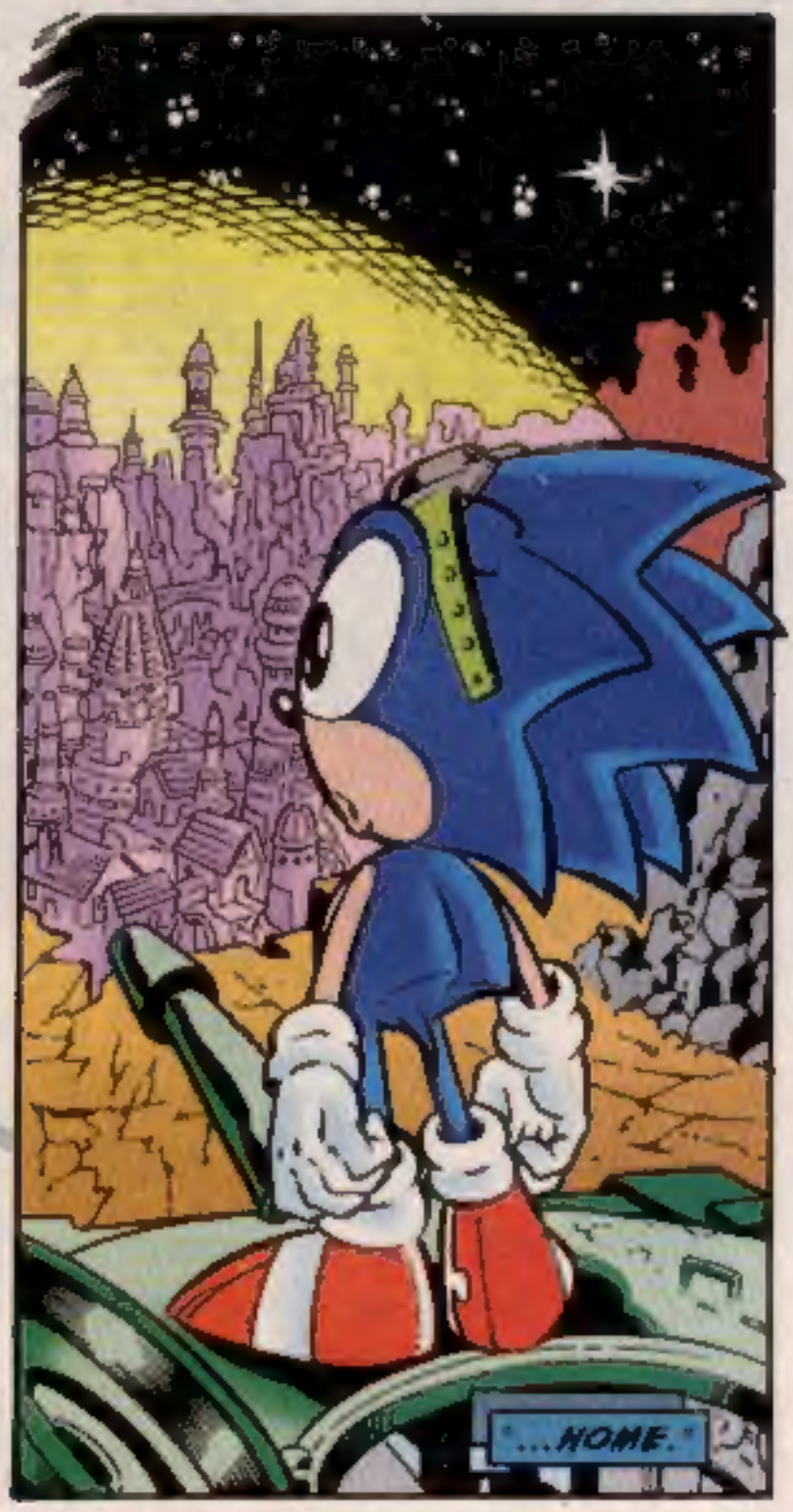

"GET WHAT, TAILS?"
WELL...


...AFTER WE DEFEATED DOC ROBOTNIK, ALL OF THE ROBIANS IN MOBOTROPOLIS GOT BACK THEIR FREE WILL...
"...CAUSE WE WERE ABLE TO BREAK HIS VILLAINOUS HOLD ON THEM!
"THESE GUYS DON'T ACT LIKE THEY'RE UNDER ANYBODY'S CONTROL ANYMORE, JACK--
"--BUT THEY STILL SEEM PRETTY MINDLESS!


IT DOESN'T MATTER A LICK, TAILS! SONIC COMPLETELY WIPED UP THE DESERT WITH 'EM!
FOR SURE! BUT, WHERE'D HE GO?

NOK NOK NOK
?!


HEY, FELLA'S! I'M BACK! DID I MISS ALL THE FUN AND EXCITEMENT? BECAUSE IF I DID, I--


...HOME.

--I--
I--
WHAT IS IT, SONIC? WHAT'S WRONG?
ABSOLUTELY NUTHIN', TAILS: FROM THE EXPRESSION ON YOUR PARDNUH'S MUG, I'D RECKON WE'VE ARRIVED BACK...

MEANWHILE IN ORBIT HIGH ABOVE MOBIUS

B-DIP B-DIP B-DIP

B-SAT UNIT BACK ON-LINE--

VRRRT VRRRT

--AND COMMENCING SYSTEM LOCATION OF TARGET.

TARGET ACQUIRED--

--SYSTEM-- LOCKED-

--AND COMMENCING ACTIVATION--

--NOW.

ICON

CHAPTER 2

SONIC WE CITIZENS O' SAND-BLAST CITY...

ARE MIGHTY HONORED TO HAVE YOU AND TAILS AS OUR GUESTS!

AWESOME!

THANKS, FOLKS!

HURRAY SONIC!

THREE CHEERS FOR THE HEDGEHOG!

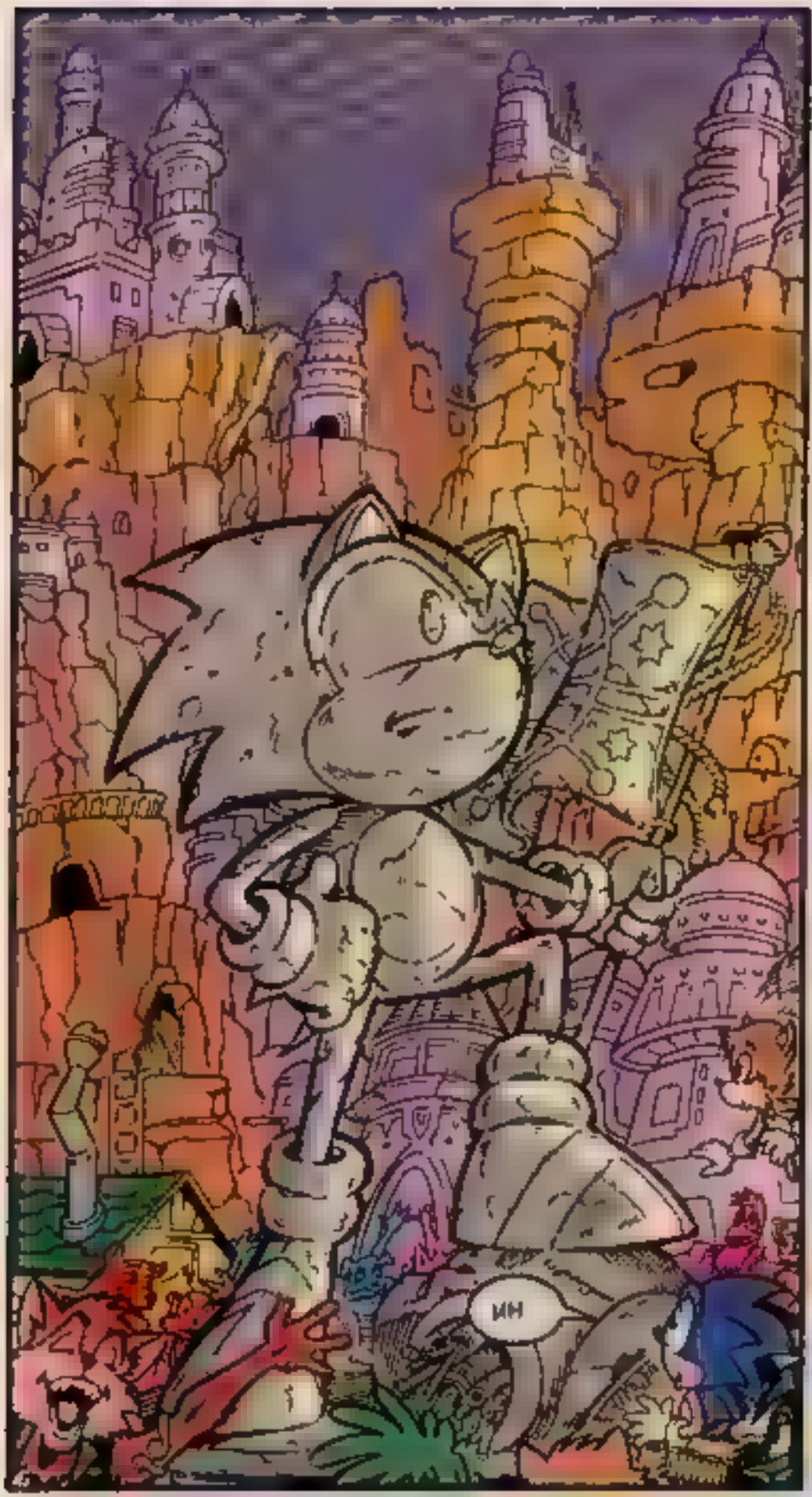
YOU GOT ME!

WHAT'S THE DEAL, TAILS? WHAT'D I DO THAT WAS SO GREAT -I MEAN, BESIDES THE USUAL?

SAY, JACK... ARE WE HEADED TO A FIZY HOTEL OR SOMETHING?

EVEN BETTER! WE'RE HEADED TO THE MOST IMPORTANT SPOT IN TOWN!

WHOAH.


UH

.. THAT'S.. THAT'S..
THAT'S YOU.

UH-HUH
WE KNEW YOU'D DIG IT: ISN'T IT COOLER THAN JUST ABOUT EVERYTHIN' (S DES YOU, O' COURSE)? I SAY WE MAKE A TOAST!

WHO KNOWS? WITH THE FOR REAL, L YE SONIC AROUND.

" SAND-BLAST CITY MAY NO LONGER NEED ITS FORCE-FIELD DOME TO KEEP OUT THOSE DANGED ROB ANS'
SHRAKKT

THE DEVIL'S GULAG ..

AND AFTER I ERECT A STATUE OF MYSELF AT THE CENTER OF ROBOTROPOLIS

..I AM GOING TO HAVE THAT BOORISH BLUE HEDGEHOG TARRED & FEATHERED ..

...AND THEN TARRED AGAIN!

SURE SURE, SURE.

.. I SAY IF YOU WERE REALLY GONNA BUST OUTTA HERE, SNIVELY,

- YOU WOULDA ALREADY DONE IT. GO AHEAD! MAKE A BREAK FOR IT-- I DARES YA!

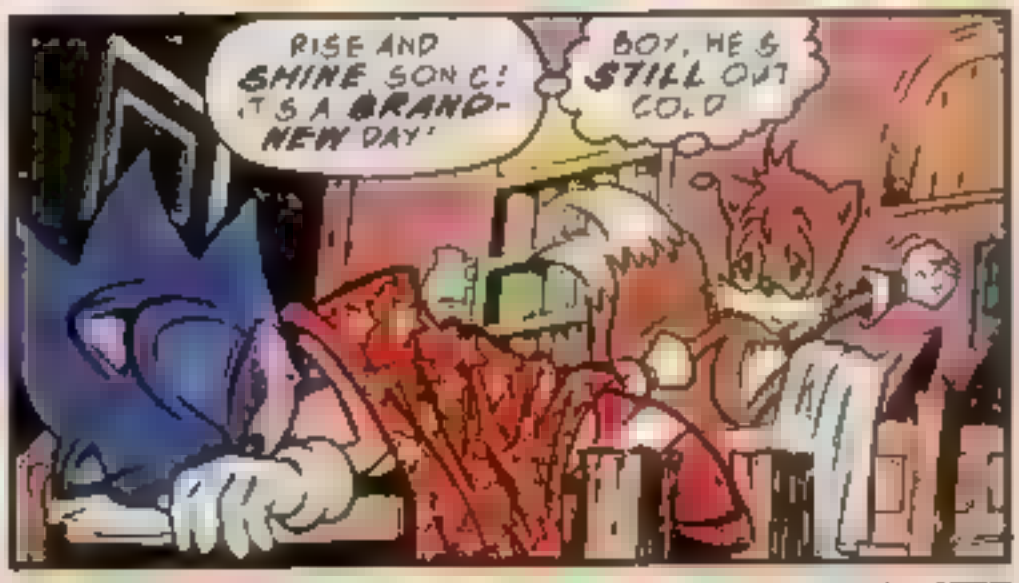
YEAH WE ALL DARE YA. COME ON, SMARTY-SHIRT

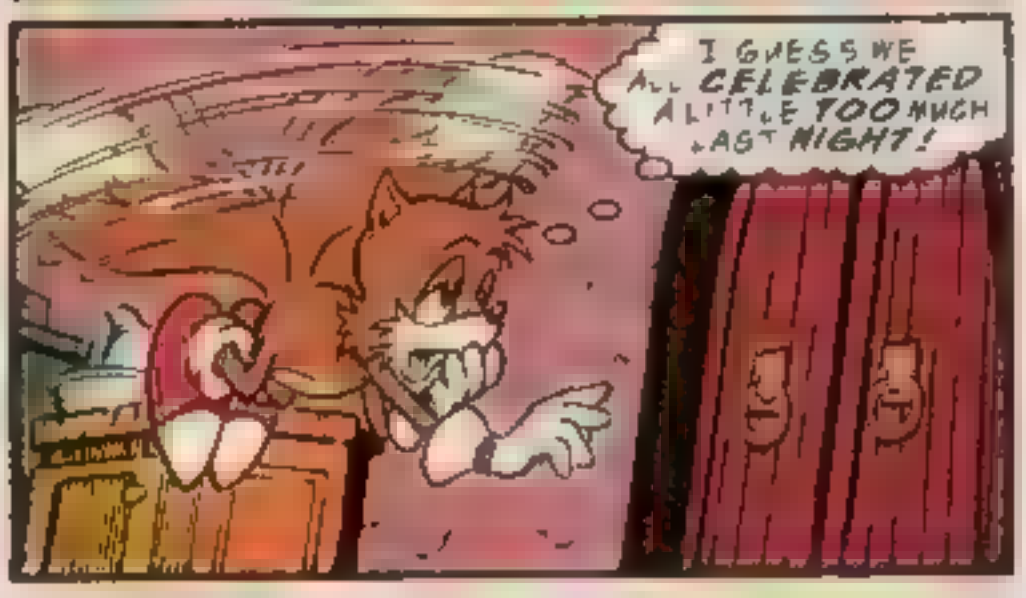
I TRIPLE-DARE THE EGGHEAD

I DOUBLE-DARE IT!

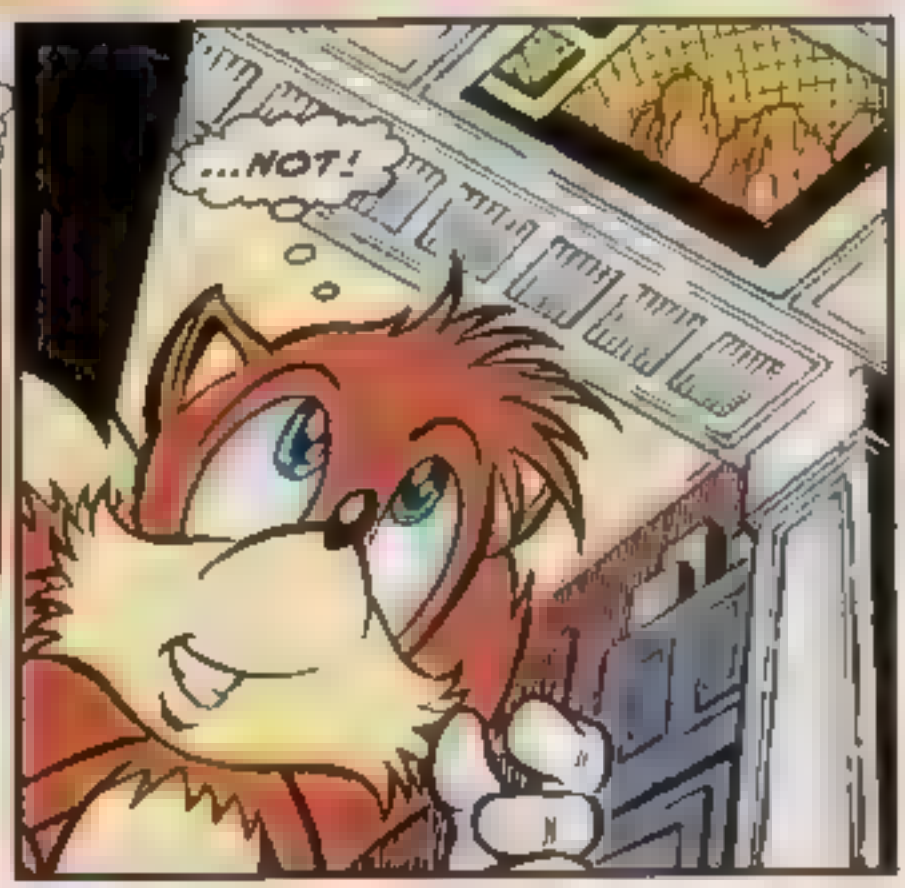
SAND-BLAST CITY

Yawwwn


RISE AND SHINE SONIC! IT'S A BRAND-NEW DAY!
BOY, HE'S STILL OUT COLD


I GUESS WE ALL CELEBRATED A LITTLE TOO MUCH LAST NIGHT!

THAT'S STRANGE...
... THE DOOR'S BEEN LOCKED FROM THE OUTSIDE! WE'RE PRISONERS...


...NOT!

OKAY TEAM! LET'S COVER ER UP AN THEN--

HEY JACK!

WHAT ARE YOU DOIN' TO OUR PLANE?

THE PLANE? OH.. WELL WE FIGURED OUT WHAT WAS THE MATTER WITH ER!

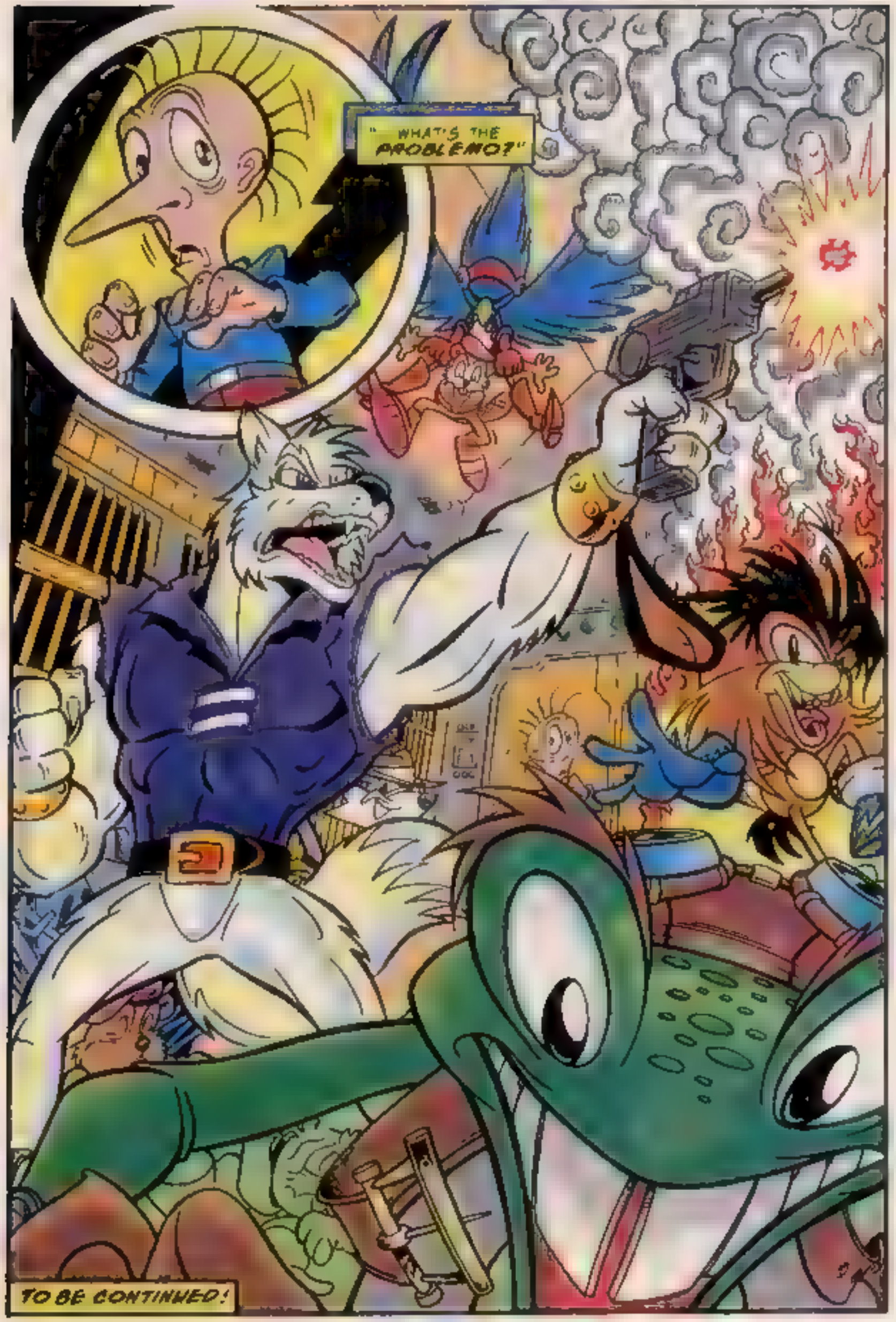
SAND! CLOSE N UP ALL THE INSTRUMENTS! WE GAVE T OUR BEST CLEAN-UP JOB AND FIGURED WE'D MOTHBALL ER FOR A FEW WEEKS!

WEEKS? THAT'S A BIG NEGATIVE! WE'VE GOTTA TAKE OFF TODAY! AN EVIL WIZARD IS ON THE LOOSE AND IT'S OUR MISSION TO STOP--

CHILL, TAILS.

IXIS NAWGUS CAN WAIT. I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM STICKIN' AROUND HERE FOR A FEW WEEKS...

...AFTER ALL, IXIS IS STILL GONNA BE ON THE LOOSE WHEN WE LEAVE SO TELL ME...


"WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?"
TO BE CONTINUED!

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Tales of the Freedom Fighters

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GEOFFREY ST JOHN

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE

AS HE'S ABOUT TO ENTER HIS CUBICLE LOCATED INSIDE THE ARMORY, GEOFFREY ST JOHN SENSES.

AN INTRUDER'S HERE!

IMAGINE THAT

SOMEONE ACTUALLY CHEEKY ENOUGH TO THINK HE CAN BAG ME HERE!

PING PING PING

KCHAKK

WHAT THE ?

NO, BOMB! WAIT!

KA-BOOM

WHO THE DEVIL ARE YOU, MATE?

DON'T SHOOT COMMANDER! DON'T SHOOT!

THE NAME'S HEAVY, SIR! BOMB AND I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR SOME PLACE TO FIT IN -- AND YOU'RE OUR LAST HOPE!

ME?

WHEN YOU'RE A CYBERNETIC DRONE, SIR, YOU CAN TAP INTO ANY DATA-BASE--

--AND DOCTOR ROBOTNIK DID HIS BEST TO KEEP TABS ON YOU!

OH BOMB! HE'S PERFECTLY FINE! HE JUST TRANSFERRED HIS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMMING TO ANOTHER SHELL--READY TO GO UNTIL HE BLOWS!"

I GUESS I COULD USE SOMEONE WITH YOUR SKILLS, BUT YOUR FRIEND HERE--!

"IN THAT CASE BRING YOUR MATE AND DON'T BE LATE! TOMORROW YOU BEGIN--

SEE THIS?

IT'S A BUFFALO THREE-NINETY-SEVEN! IT'S LIGHTWEIGHT FITS COMFORTABLY IN YOUR HAND, UTILIZES A DOUBLE-A POWER CELL, HAS AN AUTOMATIC TARGETING SIGHT-O-SCOPE--

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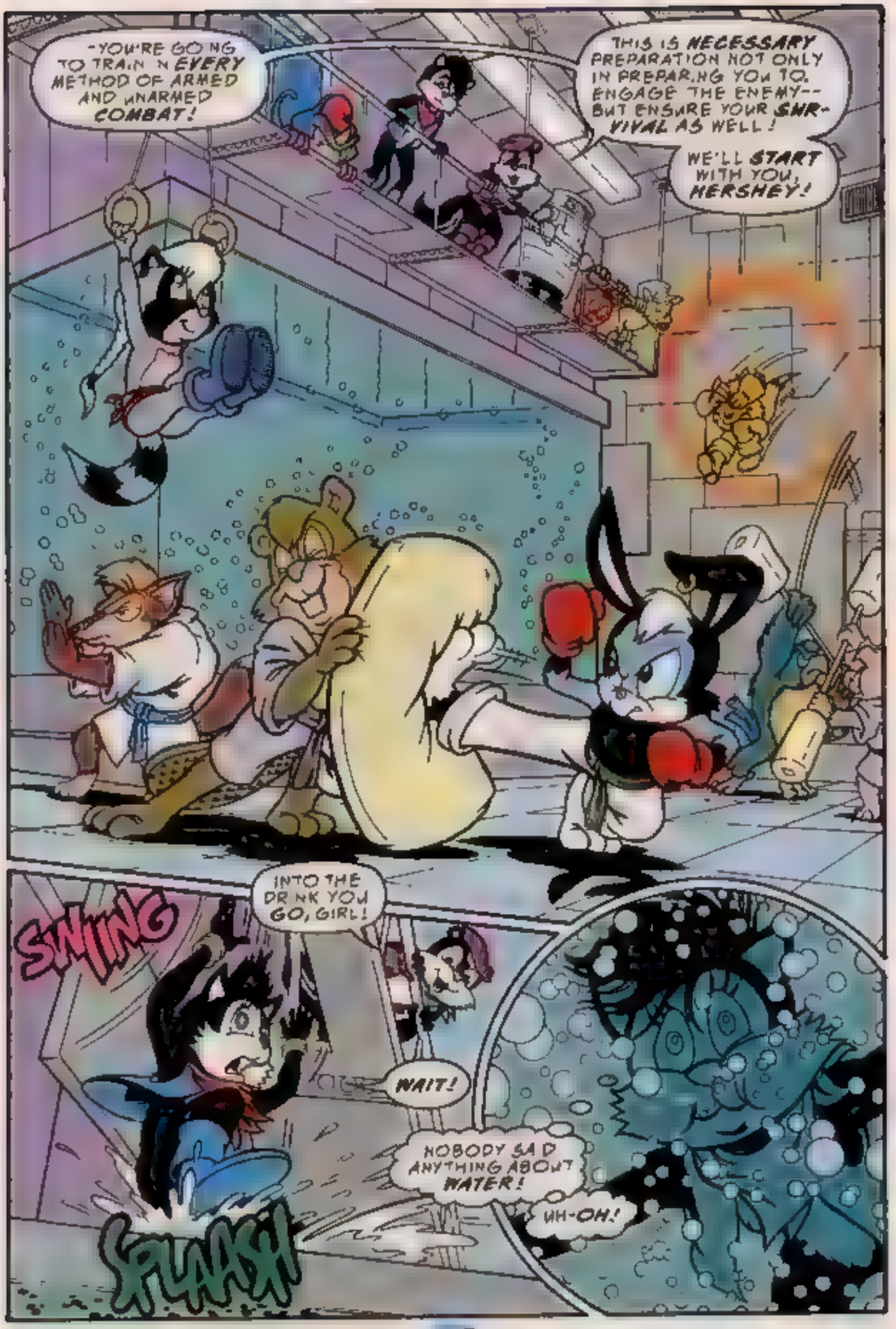
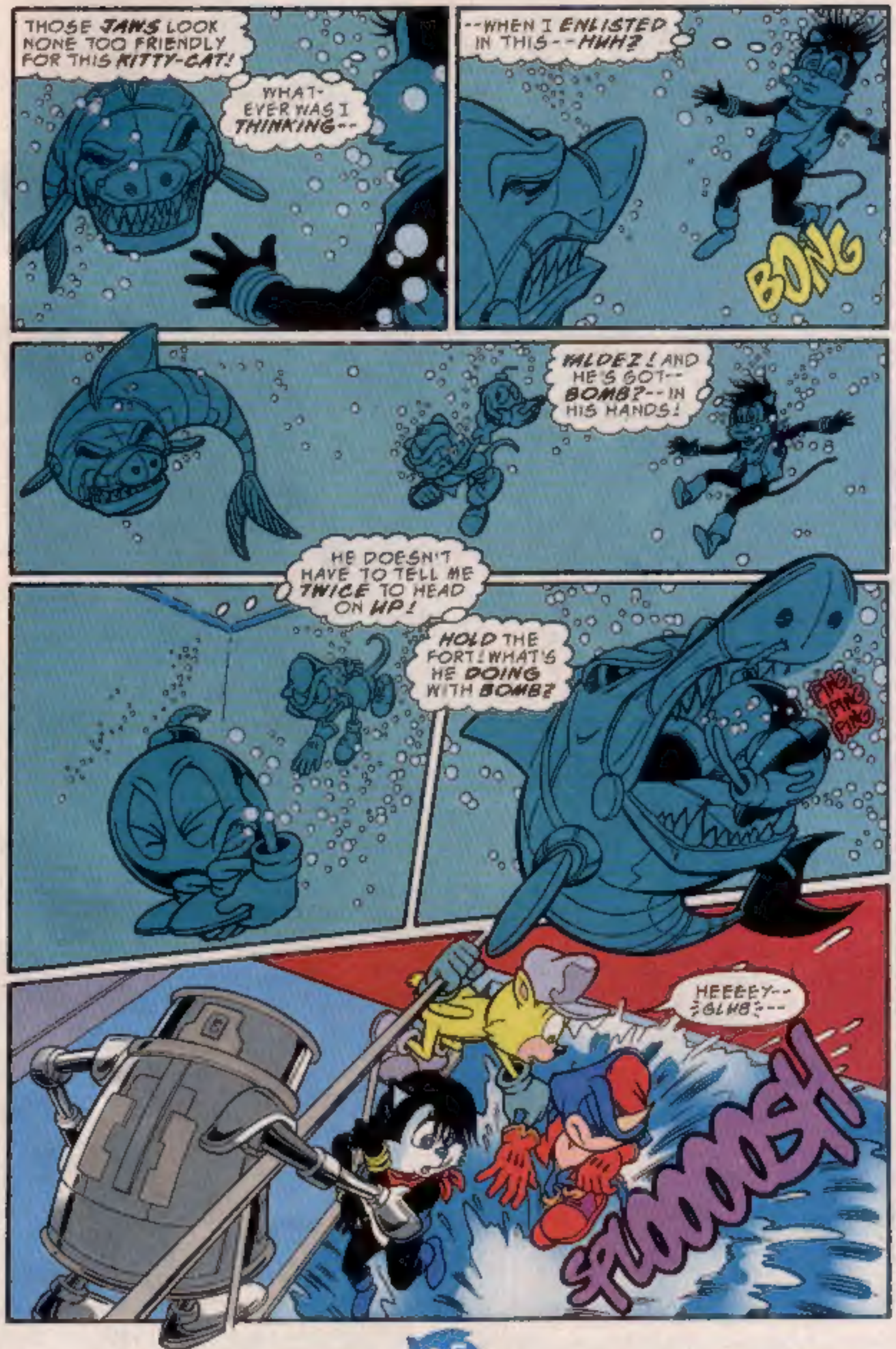
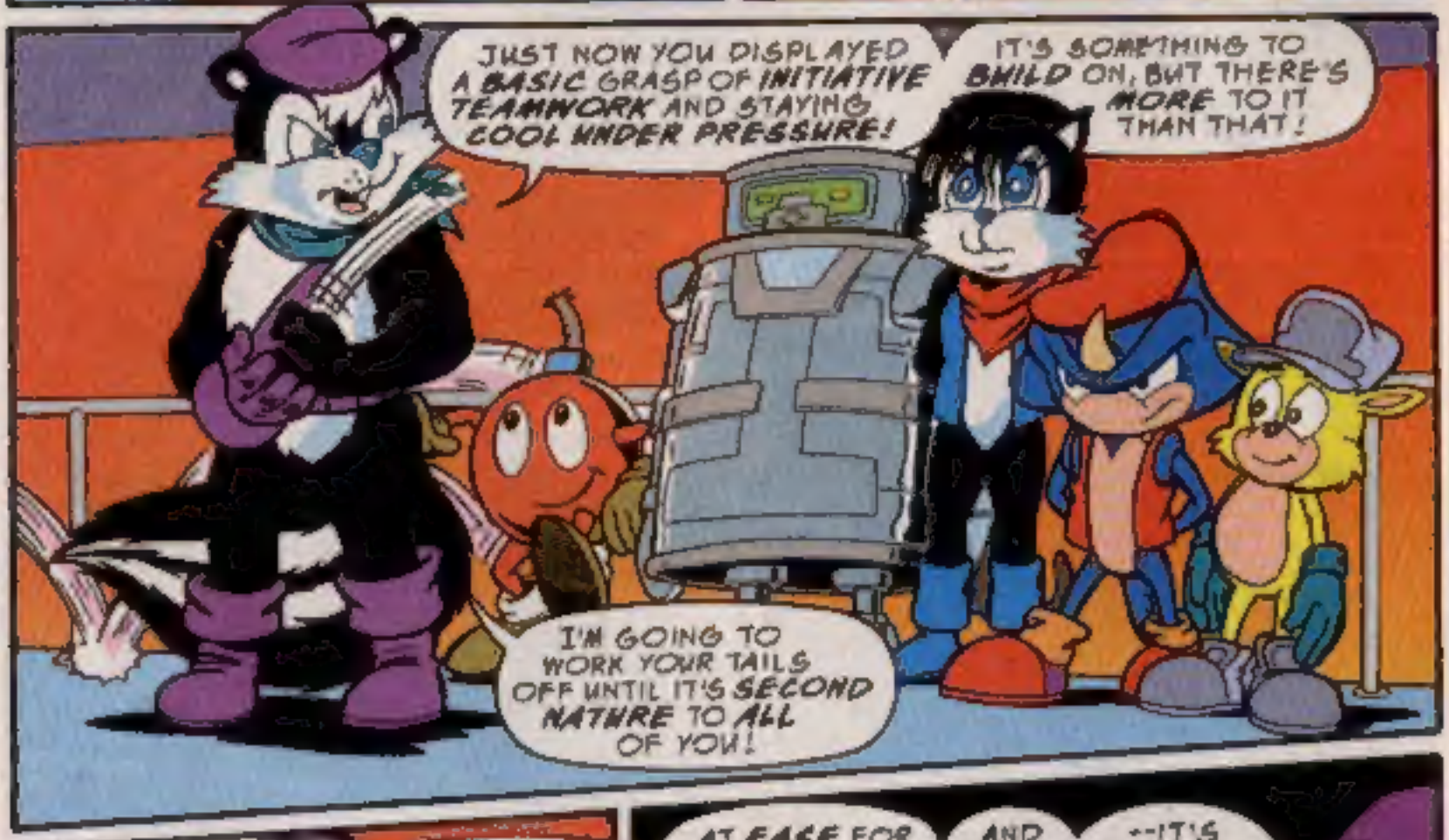
FRRRSHH
--AND CAN DELIVER ON IMPACT THE EFFECT OF A BRICK HITTING A PLATE GLASS WINDOW.
ZAP
KICKS MAJOR LEAGUE TAIL, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?
I'VE NEVER SEEN FREEDOM FIGHTERS USE WEAPONS LIKE THAT, COMMANDER!
YOU'RE RIGHT WOMBAT STU! THEY DON'T--
--BUT SECRET SERVICE AGENTS DO!
OUR MISSION IS TO PROTECT THE MONARCHY AND THE GOVERNMENT FROM ALL ENEMY FORCES INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL!
IT'S A COLD CRUEL WORLD OUT THERE--AND THE BAD GUYS DON'T EXACTLY QUIVER IN FEAR WHEN YOU SAY "BOO" SO--

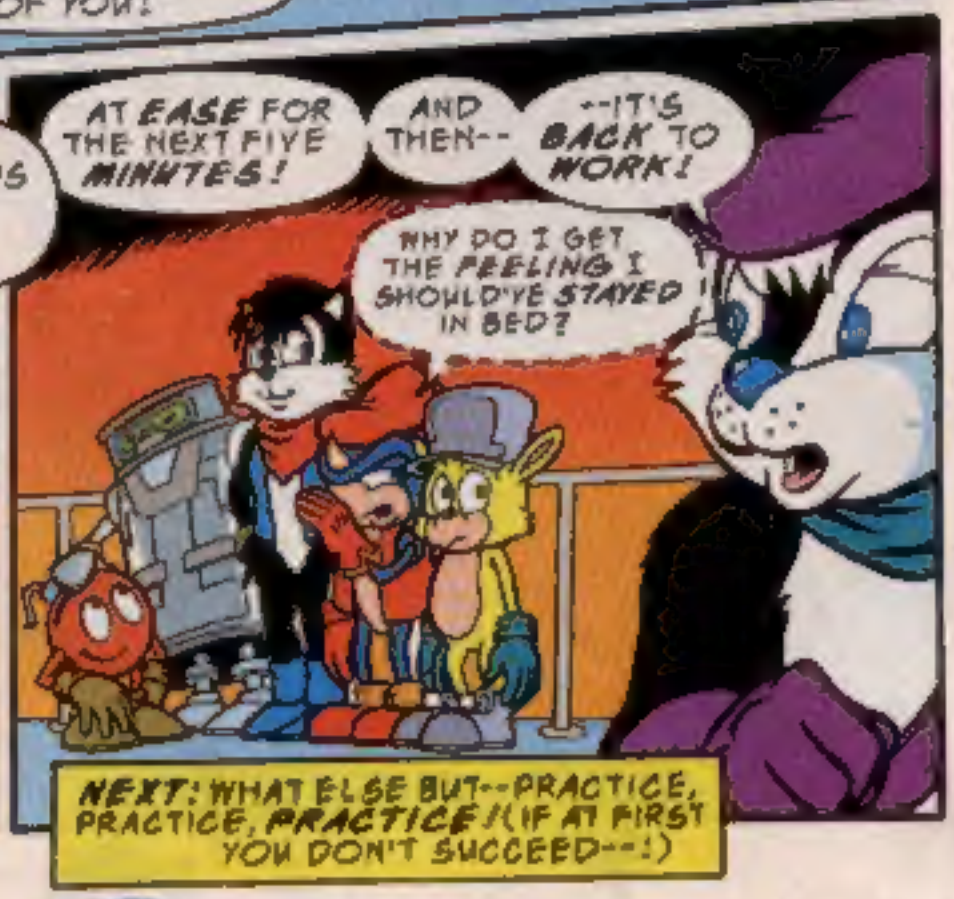

-YOU'RE GOING TO TRAIN IN EVERY METHOD OF ARMED AND UNARMED COMBAT!
THIS IS NECESSARY PREPARATION NOT ONLY IN PREPARING YOU TO ENGAGE THE ENEMY-- BUT ENSURE YOUR SURVIVAL AS WELL!
WE'LL START WITH YOU, HERSHEY!
INTO THE DRINK YOU GO, GIRL!
SWING
WAIT!
NOBODY SAID ANYTHING ABOUT WATER!
UH-OH!
SPLAASH


THOSE JAWS LOOK NONE TOO FRIENDLY FOR THIS KITTY-CAT!
WHAT-EVER WAS I THINKING--
--WHEN I ENLISTED IN THIS--HUH?
BONG
VALDEZ! AND HE'S GOT--BOMB?--IN HIS HANDS!
HE DOESN'T HAVE TO TELL ME TWICE TO HEAD ON UP!
HOLD THE FORT! WHAT'S HE DOING WITH BOMB?
PING PING PING
HEEEEY--GLWB---
SPLOOSH!

YEEEGH! WATER AND ME JUST DON'T MIX!
I'M--NOT MUCH OF A SWIMMER--EITHER!
THEN YOU'LL LEARN!
WORK ON THAT WHICH YOU'RE WEAK AT WHILE REFINING YOUR STRENTHS!


JUST NOW YOU DISPLAYED A BASIC GRASP OF INITIATIVE TEAMWORK AND STAYING COOL UNDER PRESSURE!
IT'S SOMETHING TO BUILD ON, BUT THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN THAT!
I'M GOING TO WORK YOUR TAILS OFF UNTIL IT'S SECOND NATURE TO ALL OF YOU!

YOU'RE A TEAM NOW! YOU'VE GOT TO THINK AND ACT LIKE ONE!
YOUR WELL BEING DEPENDS ON THAT ONE SIMPLE CONCEPT!


AT EASE FOR THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES!
AND THEN--
--IT'S BACK TO WORK!
WHY DO I GET THE FEELING I SHOULD'VE STAYED IN BED?
NEXT: WHAT ELSE BUT--PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE! (IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED--!)

SONIC-GRAMS

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THIS JUST IN!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #63 ON SALE JULY 1998!

BREAK OUT!

NEXT MONTH: CAN OUR FREEDOM-FIGHTING DUO ESCAPE SAND BLAST CITY... ESPECIALLY WHEN SONIC SEEMS TO BE ENJOYING HIS STAY HERE? ALSO WITNESS THE VILLAINS OF THE DEVIL'S GULAG CHALLENGE THE PRISON USED TO HOLD THEM. WRITTEN BY KARL BOLLERS. ART BY STEVEN BUTLER AND PAM EKLUND. ALSO IN THIS ISSUE: PART THREE OF ST. JOHN'S "ON HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE." TRAINING BEGINS FOR THE RECRUITS AND PRINCESS SALLY WANTS SOME ANSWERS AS TO WHY SHE'S BEING LEFT OUT OF THE LOOP, AND SHE'S NOT GOING TO GET THEM EITHER... ON THE ORDERS OF KING ACORN HIMSELF. THE MYSTERY DEEPENS. WRITTEN AND INKED BY KEN PENDERS. ART BY ART MAWHINNEY. SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #63 ON SALE JULY 1998!

SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #6 ON SALE JULY 1998!

IN ONE WEEK: IN ANSWER TO UNENDING READER DEMAND, WE RESTORED SONIC #50 TO ITS FULL ORIGINALLY-INTENDED DOUBLE-SIZED LENGTH! INCLUDED ARE SCENES SCRIPTED FOR THE FIRST VERSION WITH NO ROOM TO FIT THEM IN. CHECK IT OUT AND EXPERIENCE THE CONCLUSION TO ENDGAME THE WAY IT WAS MEANT TO BE PRESENTED.

SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #6: SONIC 50 - THE DIRECTOR'S CUT ON SALE JULY 1998!

KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #16 ON SALE JULY 1998!

IN OTHER MOBIAN NEWS... IN TWO WEEKS: KNUCKLES FINALLY RETURNS TO THE FLOATING ISLAND, ONLY TO DISCOVER THAT THINGS HAVE CHANGED SINCE HE LEFT HOME IN ISSUE #10. ALONG WITH A SURPRISE KNUCKLES' MOTHER HAS IN STORE FOR HIM, YOU ARE INVITED TO WITNESS THE SECRETS OF HAVEN BEGIN TO UNFOLD AS THE BROTHERHOOD OF GUARDIANS GATHERS TO DETERMINE WHAT'S TO BECOME OF KNUCKLES. AS FOR JULIE-SU, IT SEEMS SHE MAY HAVE A THING OR TWO IN STORE FOR OUR FAVORITE ECHIDNA. WRITTEN BY KEN PENDERS. ART BY MANNY GALAN AND ANDREW PEPOY. KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #16 ON SALE JULY 1998!

IN OTHER SEGA NEWS... IN THREE WEEKS:

NIGHTS INTO DREAMS #5 ON SALE JULY 1998!

ELLIOT AND CLARIS ARE IN TROUBLE: THE SCHOOL IS UPSET OVER THEIR RECENT ABSENCES AND THEY'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME TO SAVE NIGHTS! WITH EACH PASSING MOMENT, NIGHTS— WHO CAN'T SURVIVE IN THE "REAL" WORLD— IS CEASING TO EXIST, AND REALA IS PLANNING A STRIKE AGAINST NIGHTS' VERY WEAKNESS! CAN CLARIS AND ELLIOT SAVE NIGHTS FROM EXTINCTION— AND THEMSELVES FROM EXPULSION. BROUGHT TO YOU BY SONIC REGULARS, KARL BOLLERS, PATRICK "SPAZ"IANTE, SAM MAXWELL AND HARVEY MERCADOOCASIO. PLUS CHECK OUT THE COMPUTER-MODELED COVER BY FAN-FAVES SPAZ/HARVO AND HEROIC AGE! NIGHTS INTO DREAMS #5 ON SALE JULY 1998!

CATCH YOU ON THE FLIP SIDE!

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CHECK OUT MY BOOK COMING OUT IN JUNE 1998 STARTING WITH ISSUE #4.
IT'S BEYOND COOL!
JOIN CREATORS KARL BOLLERS, SPAZ!, SAM MAXWELL AND MARVO! AS THEY TAKE YOU INTO THE WORLD OF NiGHTS! PREPARE TO FLY!